

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[78] An access device may be initially authenticated upon initiating communication with a first access point. Authentication information related to the initial authentication may be provided to a second access point and/or a third access point. The first, second, or third access point may provide service to the access device based on the initial authentication. The initial authentication information may be stored and subsequently retrieved by the second and/or third access point. The second access point may retrieve the initial authentication information when the access device migrates from a first coverage area associated with the first access point to a second coverage area associated with the second access point. Similarly, the third access point may retrieve the initial authentication information when the access device migrates from one of the first coverage area and the second coverage area to a third coverage area associated with the third access point.